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For: CYSTEINE PROTEASE AND INHIBITORS FOR PREVENTION AND
TREATMENT OF NEUROCYSTICERCOSIS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

B/ The proteolytic activity of the newly identified proteinase of the human parasite, *T. solium*, appears to be essentially undistinguishable from the demonstrated activity of the analogous protein of the mouse parasite, *T. crassiceps* (White et al., Mol. Biochem. Parasitol., 85:243-253 (1997).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.